

Patient-Centered Medical Home
Legislative Subcommittee
June 5, 2012, 3:00p.m.
Meeting Notes

Subcommittee Members

Bob Olson, MHA
Cindy Stergar, Butte CHC
Lisa Wilson, PLUK
Jean Branscum, MMA
Bob Marsalli, MTPCA
Dr. Carr, Billings Clinic
Todd Lovshin, Allegiance
Dr. Paul Cook, Rocky Mountain Health Network
Will Robinson, NCQA

Interested Parties

Dr. Jeff Roush, Naturopathic Physician

CSI Staff

Christa McClure
Christina Goe
Amanda Roccabruna Eby – Note Taker

1. Review the Advisory Council's charges for the subcommittee
 - a. Find a hold-over Senator to request a bill draft
 - b. Draft a fact sheet about the bill for educational purposes based on content of the webinars
 - c. Recommend broad circulation of the draft and a process for organizing feedback
 - d. Secure support for the draft legislation among organizations such as Montana chapters of AAFP, ACP, and AAP, MMA and MHA that have expressed support for PCMH generally
 - e. Draft a "work plan" for generating support for legislation

Christina Goe reviewed the process for submitting a bill to the legislature. Any proposed legislation will need the support of stakeholders such as MMA, MHA, etc., as well as representatives of major insurance companies, and state of Montana. By late August or early September, CSI will need to describe its legislative package to the Economic Affairs Interim Committee. Then the bill draft will have to be submitted to legislative services in October and finalized in early December. Specific timelines haven't been released yet for 2013 session. Before the session begins, a legislator will need to agree to sponsor the bill.

2. Discuss strategy for building support for the bill

Dr. Carr asked subcommittee members to describe feedback that they have received from their constituents on the bill and what the strategy should be moving forward, based on that feed back.

MMA generally supports the concept without deeply looking at the bill. MMA members will need a bill fact sheet to reach out to the specialty and geographic components of their membership early on. The fact sheet should have five key points about why this is a good idea for health care in Montana. As MMA reaches out to its members, they need to be prepared with good answers for providers who may think this is a managed care model or cost containment strategy. MMA's annual meeting is in September and legislative meetings are held monthly. Their next legislative meeting is June 12th. Dr. Carr and Dr. Roberts are creating a white paper on MMA's position on PCMH. Education needs to happen in order to get MMA members' support.

Without the bill being distributed, MHA board members' general impression was rather neutral. They are not sure they need the regulation, and there was not a strong argument for why it is needed. If they understood why the legislation was needed, then they would support it, but many that are already seeking PCMH recognition and don't understand why they need a statute when they are already doing it. The MHA board will be sending out a survey to all of their members in the next 10 days and it will include a question about PCMH. The survey results will determine their legislative agenda. Their board will meet in August to firm up their legislative agenda.

Allegiance is already educating self-funded clients and they will use the bill fact sheet to review with larger clients directly to make sure it is meeting their needs.

Rocky Mountain Health Network members are increasingly concerned about financial health of medical practices. They are all very interested and supportive of the PCMH concept because it means being compensated for extra work they aren't normally paid for and reforming the delivery system.

PLUK commented that the family's interest needs to be incorporated into the bill. Lisa Wilson offered to get patient stories about why this is a good health care delivery concept for Montana. Having those patients contact their legislators to tell them their positive experience of being in a PCMH would be a great way to make the legislator-constituency connection.

MPCA commented that many CHCs already have or are working toward PCMH recognition so they definitely support the concept but need to be educated on the bill.

In regard to Montana chapters of national organizations such as American Association of Family Physicians (AAFP) and American Association of Pediatricians (AAP), the national support for the concept needs to be mirrored on the local level.

3. Draft timeline for everything that needs to be accomplished before the 2013 legislative session

A bill fact sheet needs to be created and finalized very soon and disseminated throughout the above mentioned groups to educate them and get their support for the bill before the fall. The subcommittee will further discuss more details for a timeline at a later date.

4. Assignments and next steps

Subcommittee members will send Amanda at CSI ideas for the fact sheet. CSI will send a draft to the subcommittee the week of June 11th. CSI will work with council members to finalize the fact sheet for dissemination to stakeholders by the end of June. The fact sheet should focus heavily on why the legislation is needed to move forward and how the proposed PCMH program is different from what BCBS is doing now.

5. Adjourn 3:30pm